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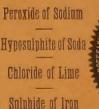
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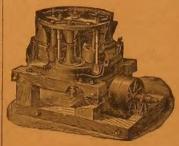
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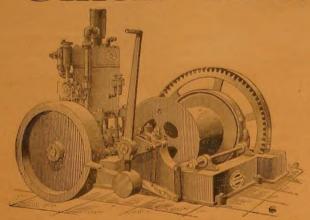
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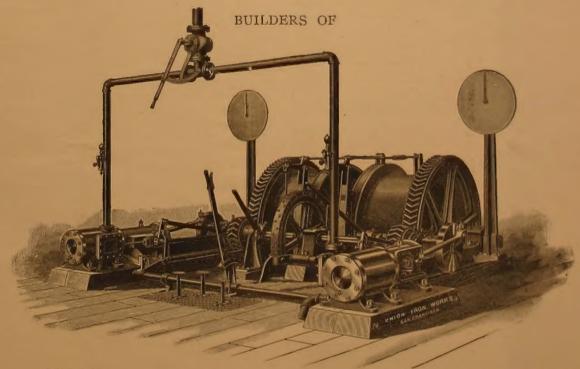
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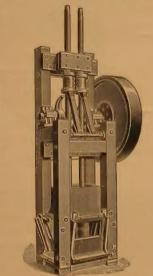
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The estimate is that not more than twofifths of last year's output will ultimately find its way to the mints, so great is consumption in the arts and manufactures. As the tendency of all nations is to the gold stand-ard, there is likely to be a considerably larger demand for gold for monetary uses. It is stated by good authority that the addition of \$100,000,000 annually will not keep pace with the growth of commerce, for through machinery and more scientific methods, production is becoming greater and less expensive, and it is well known that the extent of consumption depends in a measure upon the volume of production.

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world grows richer.

The stock of gold now in existence, and which is devoted to monetary uses, is alleged to be \$4,000,000,000. If the world wholly goes to the gold standard, this sum will furnish the basic or redemption money to accommodate the vast commerce of the world, both international and domestic. There are no statistics showing the volume of the world's commerce. The present commerce of the United States averages about \$1,750,000,000, and its domestic trade is more than \$30,000,000,000 The foreign commerce of Const. 000,000. The foreign commerce of Great

Britain is 3,335,000,000,000, and her domestic is perhaps \$20,000,000,000. Taking these figures as a basis, it is seen that the commerce of the world, international and domestic, must run into hundreds of billions of dollars. In a few years at the farthest, the practicability of the single gold standard of value will be thoroughly tested.

### INCREASING DIVERSITY OF VIEWS.

In regard to financial legislation, new ideas and plans are being frequently presented. There is really no expectation in the country that anything of importance will be done on that subject during the present session, or during the existence of the present Congress. It is not wholly for the reason that the Senate and House differ, but because there is such diversity of views in regard to theories and specific measures among the members of both Senate and House.

The situation is the same among the people, and the ambitious for political preferment are racking their brains to devise some plan that will meet approval from the masses. There are those who proceed on radical lines, and others who are struggling to find some middle or half-way ground on which a compromise and harmony can be effected, a ground that will be acceptable to a sufficient number of people to constitute a majority. As it now is political parties are being split into fragments. The radicals on both sides are obstinately insistent, and it will be difficult to induce them to consent to occupy any

intermediate position.

While the solution of the money problem seems destined to be postponed for a considerable time, it is consoling that the country is being educated on the subject by discussion and the presentation of a variety of plans, and that in consequence, when a solution is finally reached, it is likely to be wise and satisfactory, more so than if consummated without the aid of enlightened public judgment. The financial is the greatest of national questions now before the country, and it should receive the most thorough consideration before final action is taken. It is a question upon which reorganization of politi-cal parties is inevitable. The money ques-tion has an intimate relation to our mining industries, especially to the mining for gold and silver. Its solution will have a political influence for good or evil to all our industries and to our commerce.

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Within its borders in the recesses of the Rockies three great continental rivers take their source, and these, with their tributaries, make it one of the best watered of the arid or semi-arid states.

There never was a time in the history of the great state of Montana when there were so many really good mining districts, demanding the attention of prospectors and mine promoters as at the present time.

Mining conducted with the same care and attention and perseverence necessary to success in all other lines of business is just as safe and eminently more profitable. It is a well known fact that the mining districts withstand the business depressions at times better than any others. Certainly the mining states have come out from under the general wreck earlier and in immensely better condition than the industrial and trust concerns

As will be seen the many districts comprising the great county of Madison have during the year brought forth many new and promising mining interests, as well as keeping the older ones in operation, producing an immense amount of gold bullion. While placer mining has not been carried on as extensively, the quartz mining has greatly increased. Madison county is one of the most prosperous of Montana's gold-producing districts.

Between the auriferous and argentiferous ore bearing districts in this county one can travel from eighty to one hundred miles in various directions and keep within the bounds of mineral belts. In consequence of such a large area and the multiplicity of excellent prospects worthy of mention, space forbids more than a brief review of the properties, particularly notable on account of their output and showing.

Although the first explored in the state of Montana, Madison county's mines contain a wealth, at present the least developed, that will demand the brawn and brain of generations to come. Railroad transportation is utterly lacking, as well as smelting or other means of treating the baser ores—and one will not materialize without the other.

Since the Gaylord plant has been completed, the smelter, town and all other adjuncts located within the Madison county line,—the first legitimate efforts to open up the vast mineral resources on a large and liberal scale—it has been remarked with absorb-

ing interest.

considered too remote from the railroad to command attention for the present.

Long years ago, Alder gulch, near Old Baldy Mountain, was worked for sixteen miles by drifting entirely, timbers for same costing \$1.00 a piece, eight foot lengths. It required an expert workman who could put in two sets of timber four feet square each day. Ground that would not pay one ounce per man each shift was considered too poor to work at a profit. The total yield is estimated at about \$100,000,000,000, and all this was worked with an average head of less than 250 miners' inches of water.

The Easton mine, situated on Mill creek,

the mine, consisting of stamps, rolls and concentrator, with which the second class orea are worked.

The Bamboo Chief, located on the west side of Alder gulch, has a well defined lode from a few inches to three feet in width, with granite hanging and porphyry foot walls.

Some of the best ore from this mine went \$450 gold to the ton, while the second class averages from \$30 to \$40 per ton gold and three or four ounces silver.

Developments have shown a wonderful body of ore in an extension of the U. S. Grant, less than one mile from Virginia City, containing both gold and silver.



VIEW OF VIRGINIA CITY, COUNTY SKAT OF MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA

Gold and silver bearing ores are not the only minerals found within this county's boundaries, for veins of coal have been discovered to extend from the upper Ruby Valley clear through to the upper Madison. In the latter region large veins have been reported. One prominent vein thirty-four inches thick has been traced for ten miles.

Another item of interest which very few, even those living within the limits of the cognizant of, is the bona-fide existence of petroleum.

A very large copper deposit, carrying as high as sixty per cent, is well known, but is

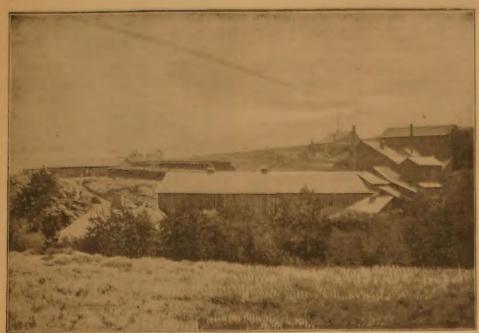
five miles from its confluence with Alder gulch, below Virginia City (having put into circulation about \$400,000) has given a new impetus to the quartz interests in Madison county. About six years ago it was bouded by Fine and Pankey, for a nominal sum, after which they immediately realized \$18,016 from a number of tons of ore already extracted and found on the dumps. This ore averaged 113 ounces silver and 1½ ounces gold per ton. The ore body is regular and the value holds out well as depth is attained. Major Henry Elling, who is now conducting the entire proposition, has erected an additional plant at

A district which has declined to a sorrowful degree on account of the low price of silver, is the Ram's Horn District. The veins of this section are almost entirely composed of silver bearing ores.

The Lower Hot Springs (Red Bluff) District is one of the principal districts where mining is carried on, on a paying basis. It would be a difficult matter to enumerate

It would be a difficult matter to enumerate the mines of this great section, the larger portion of which are very valuable, some of the owners of them having refused \$100,000 for same.

The production from this section alone has



MILL OF REVENUE MINING COMPANY, MADISON COUNTY

done much to swell the great total production of Madison county.

Quite an impetus has been experienced in the Moraine like hills of Revenue and from Norwegian to Meadow creeks, and up in the rugged defiles of Bald Mountain.

Scores of most excellent prospects, well worth the attention of mine promoters, have been brought to light, but space forbids individual mention.

Among the larger properties the Revenue mine stands first. A cyanide plant is in operation, working from twenty-five to thirty tons of ore per day, the average of which is about \$30 per ton.

The ore shoots in this property are bunchy, measuring at times six to eight feet in width, and occasionally pinching down to as many inches.

During the season of 1894, high-grade ore was encountered in which the gold was so coarse and free that the cyanide process had to be abandoned for a time.

The Leiter, another great property, is owned by the Leiter Company and consists of fifteen mining claims, one placer and three millsites, all patented and situated at Leiterville, on the left fork of Wisconsin creek, about eight miles north of Sheridan.

The early discoveries were made in 1877 by Jerry Sullivan on the Sullivan, Grey Hagle and Daniel lodes. Since then many finds have been recorded.

Very little can be said of the Silver Star District. There are a number of fine propositions in the district but not much work is reported at present.

reported at present.

Rochester, situated about ten miles from Twin Bridges, is one of the oldest quartz mining camps in Madison county. This camp remained dormant for a long stretch of years, but a few years ago it took an upward turn and several mines of the surrounding country are now producing handsome incomes for their owners. The product of the mines in this locality is fine milling gold ore and it pays anywhere from \$30 to \$75 per ton.

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The Pony mining district is known as one of the best mineral sections in the state. It is impossible in a brief sketch to give but a

small idea of its magnitude. At the present time the most important properties are included in what is known as the Boss Tweed group, owned by Henry Elling and W. W. Morris. This group comprises some twenty-five claims, a large number of which are patented. The group was under option to an English syndicate in 1893, but what they accomplished we are unable to learn. We present herewith a view of Morris & Elling's Clipper mill at Pony.

The fact is apparent that Madison county does not receive its proper credit for all the concentrates and ores shipped to smelters at Butte, Helena and other points.

Three thousand five hundred tons of ore and concentrates, principally the latter, have been hauled by ten and twelve-horse teams from the vicinity of Virginia City and Sheridan—not estimating the amount hauled by four and six-horse outfits and milled in camps—and these two points are only the yield of the west side of Tobacco Root Range.

Hydraulic mining is the art of separating gold from gravel, sand and clay cement through the medium of moving water and the force of gravity. The process is one lying wholly within the domain of the science of mechanics—a brauch of human knowledge now so well understood that results may be predicted with extreme accuracy if correct premises are obtained.

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CLIPPER MILL OF MICEIN & RELING AT PONY, MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA

### GOLD MILLING IN THE BLACK HILLS.

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[Continued from our issues of Peb. 1st and 15th.]

Subjects treated upon in preceding issues are as follows:

I. THE ORES.

Character of the Ores. Sorting of the Ore.

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III. OUTLINE OF PLANT AND PROCESS.

IV. GENERAL FRATURES OF THE MILLS.

Distribution of Power. Supply of Watzr and Fuel. Auxiliary Arrangements.

V. THE MILLS IN DETAIL.

Grizzlies.
Rock Breakers.
Ore Bins.
Feeders.

Battery-Foundations, Frames and Guides .-The essential importance of a good foundation is well known. In preparing it, a rectangular pit from 11 to 14 ft. deep is first dug to receive the mortar-block. it is made sufficently long and wide (4x6½ ft.) to leave a space about 24 inches all around the block. The bottom is then carefully levelled and some sand tamped down. On this are placed two layers of 2-inch plank, spiked crosswise to each other, and then the planks which form the mortar-block. The latter used to be placed directly on the bottom of the pit, the uneven tops being sawed off afterwards. Now care is taken that this 4-inch wooden floor shall be accurately horizontal, and that the distance between it and the bottom of the mortar shall have the length of the mortar-block. The top of the block is only planed off, which saves time. By the use of this flooring, the time required for replacing a mortar-block is reduced from six or seven days to five. The mortar-block consists of planks, from 11 to 14 ft. long (according to the depth of the pit), of varying breadth, and not more than 2 or 3 in. thick, as it is difficult to find wood of greater thickness which is sound throughout. They are spiked together, and are fastened above and below with binders, bolted to each other by transverse rods, the upper binders (8 by 12 in.) being even with the top of the mortarblock, and the lower binders (12 by 12 in.) 3 ft. lower down. The space around the mortar-block is then carefully filled and tamped with rock and tailings up to the level of the mud-sills, which are about 4 ft below the bottom of the mortar. When the top of the mortar-block has been planed off and levelled, a sheet of rubber cloth, ¼ in. thick, is placed over it and the mortar put in place. Through the four holes in the flanges on each side, pass eight bolts, from 3 ft. to 4 ft. 6 in. long, and from 13% to 1½ in. in diameter, with which the mortar is fastened to the block.

In placing the planks forming the mortarblock, and in adjusting the bolts that hold down the mortar, a decided improvement has lately been made at the Homestake mills. The planks, which always stand upon end, were formerly so spiked that their width was parallel to the short side of the mortar. The holes for the eight bolts were then bored into the mortar-block from above; at a suitable distance below, recesses were chipped out to receive the nuts which secure the lower ends of the bolts. Now the planks are so placed

that their width is parallel to the long side of the mortar. The bolts have only at their upper end a thread, and end in a loup at the Through these loups and through bottom. the mortar-block, pass horizontally 2-inch iron rods. The planks, on the two sides of the block, where the bolts pass down, are cut out to receive them. The advantages of this arrangement are apparent. In addition to the mortar being securely and evenly tied to the block, it is easier to renew the mortar-block if necessary. The pit need only to be dug in front of the mortar, and when the front binders have been removed, it is easy to tear out the planks, one after another, with pick and adze. In putting in the new block, the two outside rows of planks, with cut places to receive the bolts, are kept ready to that only four horizontal 2½ in. holes for the rod need be bored when the planks have been spiked together. With the old method, two trenches had to be dug, instead of one, if a mortar-block was to be exchanged. Then the planks had to be chipped out in pieces until room enough had been made for them to be torn off. This cost much labor and time.

Battery Frames. - These are generally 12 by 24 in. in size, with recesses for the boxes of the cam-shaft. They are placed on the short sides of the mortar, and are independent of the mortar-block, standing on the cross-sills (which are placed on the top of, and at right angles to, the mud-sills), and tied by the upper and lower guide timbers, and, at the foot, by two longitudinal beams, bolted to them, and let into the cross-sills. The frames are braced either from the back or the front of the battery according to the way in which the power is transmitted to the cam-shaft. In the Homestake, Highland, Golden Terra and Father de Smet mills, where the line-shafts are at the back of the battery, the frames are braced by posts, general placed on an incline between frame and cross-sill, leaving the entire front of the battery unobstructed. Golden Star and Caledonia mills the camshafts receive their motion from line-shafts placed on the cam-floor, and the frames are braced against the cross-beams to which the boxes of the line-shafts are bolted.

Guides,-The stamps are held upright by two sets of guides, fastened to the guide-tim-bers which tie the battery-frames. The upper guides are above the tappets, the lower ones between the cam-shaft and the top of the mortar. At the Homestake mill, the center of the lower guides is 17½ in. above the top of the mortar, and the cam-shaft, revolving between two sets of guides, is 3 ft. 10½ in. below the center of the upper, and 4 ft. above the center of the lower guides, making the total distance between the two sets 7 ft. 10 1/2 in. At the Caledonia mill, the distance from top of mortar to center of lower guides is 161/2 in.; from these to center of cam-shaft, 3 ft. 41/2 in., from this to center of upper guides, 4 ft. 2½ in.; total, 7 ft. 6¾ in. Each set of guides consists of two pieces of 4 in. pine plank, 16 in. deep, having semi-circular grooves, through which the stems of the stamps pass. Between the two parts of the guides, when new, are inserted small pieces the grooves are somewhat worn, these slats are removed, and the guides brought nearer each other. Later on the faces are planed off to diminish the size of the grooves, so that the stamps may not be held too loosely. Each set of guides is secured to the guide-timber with eight %-in. bolts. The grooves in the guides are lubricated with a preparation of black lead and linseed oil, mixed warm in

such proportions as to form a soft paste. Oak guides last eighteen months; pine only four months

Mortars .- Two kinds of single discharge mortars are used in the district. Each consists of one solid casting. The bottom and sides are so thick as not to need any lining. this thickness decreasing very considerably as the feed is approached. The outside walls are vertical, with the exception of the discharge, which projects somewhat. The top is closed by two pieces of 2-in. plank, which rest on lugs 34-in, wide, cast in the mortar, 2-in. below the top. These planks have each five semi-circular recesses which, when placed together, form holes for the passage of the stems. In addition to these five large holes, two smaller ones are bored for the 1-in. water supply pipes, placed between stamps 1 and 2 and 4 and 5. Two mortars are placed close and 4 and 5. Two mortars are placed close together, as the stamps of both are set in motion by one cam-shaft. In order to reach the mortars, etc., a passage way is left between every two pairs of batteries. The water supply is derived from a 3-in. main, running along the front of the batteries. From it passes upward a 2-in. pipe between each pair of batteries. With this is connected a 2-in. horizontal pipe, from which four 1-in. pipes branch off at right angles, two for each mortar. In addition to this water supply, there is a 1-in. pipe at each passage-way, close to the mortar, coming from 3-in. main. A hose is attached to clean the apron-plates, and for other purposes.

The points of difference between the two mortars lie in the inside dimensions of the lower part of the mortar and in the arrangement and number of the inside amalgamated

copper plates.

The Homestake mortar, weighing 5400 pounds, is 54½-in. high and 54¾-in. long. The feed-opening, beginning 6½-in. below the top, is 24-in. long. 4½-in. wide and 7-in. deep. On entering the mortar it remains 24in. long and 7-in. deep. At the bottom of the feed, forming the continuation of the incline over which the ore passes into the mortar, is a lip, 4\(\frac{1}{2}\)-in. wide and 1\(\frac{1}{2}\)-in. thick, designed to discharge the ore against the upper half of the stamp head. The lower edge of the lip is 14-in. above the inside bottom of the mortar. As the lip wears out fast it might be well to cast it thicker, as has been done in the Caledonia mortar. Taking the front view of the mortar, we find, 15%-inches from the bottom, the discharge-opening, 48% in. long and 21% in. high. The frame is inclined outward about 10 degrees from the vertical. On the short sides of the discharge-opening are grooves to receive the chuck-block, screenframe and curtain, which are held in place by keys and sockets. The chuck-block is also fastened at the bottom by two horizontal keys supported by lugs on the outside lip of the mortar below the discharge. Viewing the mortar in cross-section, we first have the two bottom flanges, 3-in. high and 5-in. broad. The bottom of the mortar (the mortar-bed) is 7½-in. thick, the sides, at the foot of the dies, 3½-in. The inside dimensions are: Width at the bottom, 10%-in.;\* length 50 in.; height to issue of mortar (not of pulp), 8%in.; width at this point, 13% in.; at the top of discharge opening, 20 in.; at the top of mortar, 16 in.; total inside height, 47 in. The casting is 34-in. thick, from the top down to the feed-opening, on three sides, the back being a little thicker.

A mortar lasts four years, wearing pretty uniformly at the sides and back.

<sup>\*</sup>Formerly the width was 14 inches, but, in order to increase the crushing capacity, it was reduced.

The Celedonia mortar weighs 5700 lbs., is 57 1/3 in. high and 54 in. long. The feed-opening, beginning 151/3 in. from the top, is 8 in. wide, 11 in. deep and extends the entire 8-in. wide, 11-in. deep and extends the entire length of the mortar, having a strengthening rib in the center. At entering the mortar it is 40<sup>15</sup>-in. long and 7<sup>15</sup>-in. deep. Here the lip, 2<sup>16</sup>-in. thick and 8-in. wide, measured on the incline, begins. The bottom of the lip is 15 in. from the foot of the dies. As in the Homestake mortar, the ore is discharged towards the head of the stamp. The lip servers as a protector to the amalgament conserves as a protector to the amalgamated copper plate below it. The discharge opening in tront, 50 in. long by 17-in. high, begins 10-in. above the bottom of the flange. Its frame is also inclined outward about 10 degrees from the vertical. The grooves on the sides re-ceiving only the screen-frames and the curtain, are simpler in construction than those of the Homestake mortar. The lugs for the horizontal keys are the same. Taking the cross section, we find the slanges 3-in. thick and 4½-in. wide. The mortar-bed is 7-in. thick, the sides, at the foot of the dies, 43% in.
The inside dimensions are: Width at the bottom, to-in.; length 501/2-in.; height, 14-in. to the issue of mortar and pulp, where the width is 16 in. This increases to 19 in. at the top of the discharge. The top of the mortar is 131/4-in. wide, and the total inside height 501/4
in. The casting, from the top down to the feed opening, is 34-in. thick.

A mortar lasts six years, and wears out

more on the short sides than at the back.

In comparing the two types, we see that they differ in the feed-opening, as already discussed The feeding-lip also differs, that of the Caledonia mortar being thicker and wider these the other than the state of width in than the other. The increase of width is necessitated by the presence of the amalgamated copper-plate below the lip; the mortar itself is also wider at the issue for the same reason. The depth of the Homestake mortar is 816 in. and that of the Calcdonia mortar 14-in. The latter corresponds with the beight at which the issue of the pulp occurs. In the Homestake mortar the issue is raised by the insertion of the chuck-block, 161/4-in. above the foot of the dies, thus giving, with a shallower mortar, a deeper issue of pulp than the Caledonia mortar.

Dies—The Homestake management casts its own dies. The quality of iron used is between gray and mottled, the top of the cylindrical part being chilled. The foot-plate has beveled corners, and is 10-in. long, 10 %-in. wide and 1 %-in. thick. The cylindrical part or "boss" is 9 in. in diameter and 5-in. high. The level of the die is 10-in, below the discharge which takes place over the chuck-block. The die weighs 121 pounds (one-sev-enth of the weight of the stamp) and lasts about six weeks, crushing 189 tons. By that time the cylindrical part has become slightly convex, and is worn down to 2-in. from the foot-plate. Its weight has been reduced to about 30 pounds; thus 48 pounds of iron are consumed for every 100 tons of rock that are

The Caledonia mill buys its dies outside. They are of chilled white iron. The footplate has also beyeled corners, is 10-in. wide by 9½-in. long and 1½-in, thick. The cylindrical part is 8-in. in diameter and 5½-in. high. While the dies in the Homestake mortar fill its bottom completely, those of the Caledonia fit perfectly in the width only, there being a 2-in, space in the length that has to be divided up between the five dies. The distance from the bottom of screen to top of die is 6-in. The die weighs 160 pounds (about

one fifth of the weight of the stamp) and lasts three months, crushing 300 tons of hard rock. The cylindrical part is then worn down within 1-in. of the foot-plate. The worn out die weighs 38 pounds, making the consumption of iron 40 pounds for every 100 tons of rock.

Amalgamated copper plates are placed along the entire length of the mortar. In the Homestake mortar, one plate is set to the dis-charge opening; in the Caledonia mortar there are two plates; one under the discharge open-ing, the other beneath the lip of the feed-

The Homestake mills used the so-called chuck-block placed against the lower flange and the two side flanges of the discharge The chuck-block consists of a 2-in. plank, bolted to the back of a 1½-in. board and extending from 2 to 2½-in. above it. Its inside upper edge is rounded off and over this, and along the inside face a three-sixteenth-in. copper plate is fastened with iron screws. recess formed on top of the front board, 11/4 in, and from 2 to 21/2-in, deep, is taken up by the lower part of the screen frame. Between this and the front board is placed a strip of carpet to form a tight joint, The frame is held in place by a vertical piece of flat iron bolted to the center of the front board, a horizontal wedge being driven between the two. The front board has an iron facing along its lower half, and two vertical strips towards the ends, to protect the wood against the two horizontal and the two vertical wedges with which it is fastened to the mor-To the back (beneath the 2-in, plank having the sheet copper), is tacked a strip of rubber cloth, which helps to make a tight joint between the wood and flange of mortar. Two chuck-blocks of different heights are in When the dies are new, a chuck-block 7 in, high is inserted; when they have worn down 2 in., another chuck-block 5-in. high re-places it. Thus the height of discharge is kept nearly uniform. The distance between the face of the shoe and the chuck-block (2in.) is rather small. The violent motion of the battery-water drives the sand against the copper plate and scours off amalgam that has been caught on it. Thus comparatively little amalgam can settle on the plate. Wooden chuck blocks last six months. After this time the coppers have to be removed and put upon new blocks, or they are scraped very carefully, put aside, melted and sold. Mr. R. Graham, the millwright of the Homestake mill, has therefore replaced, in his mill, the 2in. plank to which the copper plate is screwed by 1/4 in. iron, to which three sixteenths in. copper plated is riveted with copper rivets. The face of the 134 in, wooden front board is covered with 16-in. iron; thus the distance between face of shoe and Graham chuckblock is 35% in. instead of 2-in. This iron chuck-block lasts as long as the mortar, and more amalgam collects on it than on the wooden one. Of the free gold received, 55 per cent is caught on this inside plate.

The reason that the Caledonia mill has amalgamated copper plates at both front and back, is that the ore milled is not oxidized at all, which makes it harder to extract the gold. The aim is to keep the pulp longer in the battery and thus counteract the refractory character of the ore. The plate in front is 5 in, broad, the one at the back, 8 in. are made of three-sixtceeth in. copper and are simply bolted to the mortar, the lower edge of the plates being 9 in. above the foot of the dies. Of the free gold removed, 60 per cent. is caught on these inside plates.

(To be Continued.)

## CORRESPONDENCE

## CALIFORNIA.

#### TUOLUMNE MINES.

From our Special Correspondent )

Nother Lode.

#### THE RAPPAHANNOCK.

Is now down to 750 feet, and it will be continued down to the 1000 mark before any lateral exploration will be made. Then the mine will be worked upwards on the "shoots" that were cut at the 600 and 300 foot levels.

#### THE ALAMEDA.

to the north of the Rawhide, is developing into a most valuable property. Work, sinking and drifting.

#### THE TARRANTULA

is looking very well. Sinking on their ore body which shows free gold. Dr. Redding, the late superintendent, has resigned, owing to some little misunderstanding with the English shareholders. The company is formed of Anglo-American stockholders. Dr. R. was a very general favorite and the work that was carried out under his direction from the opening, and from the purchasing of the property reflects the greatest credit on the late careful and painstaking superintendent, who placed the mine by his skillful efforts and developments in its present prosperous condition.
The company did not study its best interests by permitting him to resign and leave.

### "THE TRIO" COMPANY

are sinking both north and south shaft. Gold shows in the rock.

#### THE DUTCH MINE.

The above property promises to be a second Rawhide. Their 20-stamp mill is kept continously crushing-turning out dividends.

### THE SANTA VSABEL

mines are being opened up by three shafts; power, electricity; looking well.

### THE JUMPER.

Every thing surrounding this property marks a most prosperous condition.

To the south are many mines being developed with very good prospects.

#### THE EAGLE AND SHAWMUT

mines are turning out monthly golden bars. This is a first class property.

#### East Belt.

### THE DEADHORSE

mine is steadily crushing. This is the deepest mine in the country and among the best.

THE PENNSYLVANIA AND CARLOTTA shafts are both sinking. The rock is high grade.

#### THE CONFIDENCE

mine is stoping rich rock—their mill con-stantly crushing—results all that can be de-

## THE WHEAL PERRIN

is being unwatered by a San Francisco party. for the purpose of examination and probable

#### THE KELTZ MINE

struck a heavy sulphurated quartz and a large vein; the old works are as usual pro-ductive of good results. Mill running.

#### THE MOUNTAIN CITY GROUP

of mines are working steadily, developing their exceedingly rich veins. The formation is black metallic slate. The ore on the dump after a rain storm shows up splendidly with the precious metal. We predict a bonanza in this property.

#### THE GREY RAGIE.

This mine is showing up well for a good property. Extensive works are being put

### Middle Belt.

#### THE GERRYMANDER.

The mill-plates show up exceedingly well, the result of free gold in the quartz-but it is a sulphuret ore of high grade and heavy percentage.

ARGUS.

DAGGETT, SAN BERNARDING CO., CAL.,

February 19th, 1898.

EDITOR JOURNAL: —This section of the country is looming up in great shape and future developments will be carried on in a grand scale.

That this county has a great quantity of borax in sight the following notes on the Pacific Coast Borax Co. will demonstrate.

There has been a general change of management in the operation of the mines. During the past year the ore has been extracted by contract, but the company have placed their own men in the mine and will take out just what ore they want, and pay the men by the day, direct from the company's funds. There are from fifty to seventy-five men working in the mine at the present time, Four 20-mule teams and a steam wagon are required to haul the ore from the mine to the railroad. With these facilities the company can ship 120 tons of ore per day, or about eight to ten cars. There are twenty claims owned by the Pacific Coast Borax Co. on two parallel ledges which run through the country. Nearly all the claims follow the trend of the ledges. The larger of the two ledges was supposed to have been too low grade and was not worked until recently, when they have extracted a large quantity of marketable ore, that is, ore sufficiently high grade to ship.

This company is busily engaged in building a railroad from twelve miles north of Daggett to the borax mine. They have a force of men and thirty teams at work. During the con-struction of this road they will have to build There is a great quantity (some twenty to thirty carloads) of rails and ties on the ground. This road will be standard gauge for first half of the distance with a third rail in between the other two for the convenience of the narrow gauge train. At the terminus of the harrow gauge train. At the terminus of the standard gauge road there will be, it is reported, erected a refinery to work the low-grade ores in the mines and on the dump, of which there is an unlimited quantity. From this point the road will be narrow gauge and run up Borax Canyon, an irregular, torturous defile in the mountains. The reason of this

move on the part of the company, it is said, was to tap the mines belonging to the firm, which are located in the vicinity of the can-

Under the present management these properties bid fair to be a dividend-paying propo-

sition for many years to come.

Bartlett & Stanley are working a few men prospecting their borax mine in this section. They are experimenting as to the heat pro-cess for the extraction of the acid. They have a small plant and have succeeded in extracting the acid on the ground very economically. These gentlemen have just shipped in a consignment of sulphuric acid, to be used in freeing the acid from the ore. Crude acid, averaging 75 per cent., is shipped to San Francisco, where it is refined and mar-keted all over the world. It is thought that in time they will rival the Pacific Coast

The silver mines are all shut down and the once lively camp of Calico is now deserted

There is considerable prospecting going on in the desert for gold ores, and some pros-pects already discovered bid fair to develop into paying properties. It is hoped that the new mill at Barstow will give an impetus to the mining industry of this section as the miners will have an opportunity to sell their ores to the sampling works erected in connection with the will be a section of the sampling works. tion with the mill.

It is reported that J. R. Lane has bought the Preston mine from Thos. Preston. This mine is located about twenty miles north of Daggett. He will erect a 10-stamp mill

INVINCIBLE.

### NEW MEXICO.

ELIZABETHTOWN, Jan. 3, 1898.

EDITOR JOURNAL: - There has not been one third of the number of men in the mines at this time of year, asat the present time, for twenty years. There has never been a time in the history of the camp when there were so many mines paying. Daily new mines are being added to the paying ones, and without doubt the coming spring will see the Elizabethtown camp and its surrounding the greatest producing camp New Mexico has ever en-

joyed. The Blakeslee Tunnel, is now in 600 feet and has a four foot vein of ore that carries \$20 in gold. When finished the tunnel will measure 4,000 feet and give a depth of 2000 feet under Baldy mountain. A full force of men

are now working the property.

Joe Lowery and Nick Harms are pushing work on the Tom Boy. A number of rich stringers have been cut and the main lode is

expected to be reached soon.

The Mills Tunnel company have discontinued working the New Moon mine until spring, owing to water in the shaft which they cannot control. They have let the third contract of 100 feet on the tunnel and are pushing work on the same. It has completed good buildings at the mouth of the tunnel, and gone through a vein of one to two hundred feet of ore carrying gold from \$3 to \$6 per ton. They are now in rock that gives every assurance that they will strike a high grade lode within the next hundred feet. Without doubt, when their property is developed they will show more pay lodes than any oped they will snow inc. other property in the camp. "Anways Trug."

### Patents of Interest to Mining Men

January 25, 1898. No. 597,820.—Art of obtaining gold and silver from auriferous and argentiferous materials. N. S. Keith, Chester, England. Filed, Feb. 21, 1895. The process of obtaining the precious metal from a cyanide solution, containing cyanide of mercury, which consists of passing a current of electricity through the solution to a metallic electricity through the solution to a metallic cathode, whereby an easily removable layer of the precious metal and mercury is simultaneously deposited on said cathode.

February 1. No. 598, 193 - Apparatus for electro-deposition of gold and silver. Emil Andreoli, London, England. Filed, October 1, 1895. Patented in England. Sept. 4, 1895. In an apparatus for the electro-deposition of gold, silver, or other metals, anodes of peroxidized lead, acting in the presence of and in combination with a cyanide or cyanidecompound solution.

February 1. No. 598,084—Ore roasting furnice. L. D. Godshall, Everett, Washington. Filed, Oct. 27, 1897. Upon each side of the furnace is arranged a track-rail and stirrers are mounted upon a shaft, the wheels of which run upon the rails. A wall prevents the ore from working into the railchamber, a slot being left for the shaft to travel through as it passes from end to end of the furnace.

We are pleased to extend greetings to our contemporary, The Los Angeles Review, devoted to the financial, mining and other interests of the southwest, whose Volume 1, No. 1, we have before us. It is a bright, newsy little sheet of 12 pages, published by the Review Publishing Co., of which Messrs. R. R. Hill and A. Richardson, two literary men of note are the proprietors.

Mr. Richardson had charge of the special mining edition of the Los Angeles Times, published some little time ago, which reflects

credit upon him.

Mr. Hill is a very pleasant young man and is well known in Los Angeles, having been in the employ of the Times for a number of

The Review undoubtedly has a bright future and we welcome it with all our heart, and hope the mining industry will be materially benefitted, particularly the mines of Southern California.

Southern California has a great many excellent properties that only need developing to become good paying propositions, and with the aid of the Review we expect to bring them before the investing public.

The Southwest Bullion has been launched at El Paso, Texas. The Bullion is devoted to the mining and smelting interests of New Mexico, Arizona, Western Texas, and Old Mexico.

It is published weekly and edited by Jno. I. Ginn. The subscription price is \$1.00. In one of the Bullion's short editorial notes, they say: "The Bullion has arrived to stay, and it brought along a sufficient quantity of coined bullion to supply its terrestrial wants for many moons.

The Colorado Iron Works Company have just made a shipment of two carloads of machinery to Old Mexico. One carload being con-centrating machinery for the San Vincent Mining Company, at Ameca, and the other carload constituted settling bowls for the Great National Mexican Smelting Company at Monterey.

CHAIN BUCKET DREDGE.

The outline illustration of dredge boat, shown herewith, is one that will be of interest to those using or contemplating the use of such apparatus. This covers many of the demands brought forth in the Alaska-Yukon gold fields, as it is especially designed for

prospecting along rivers.

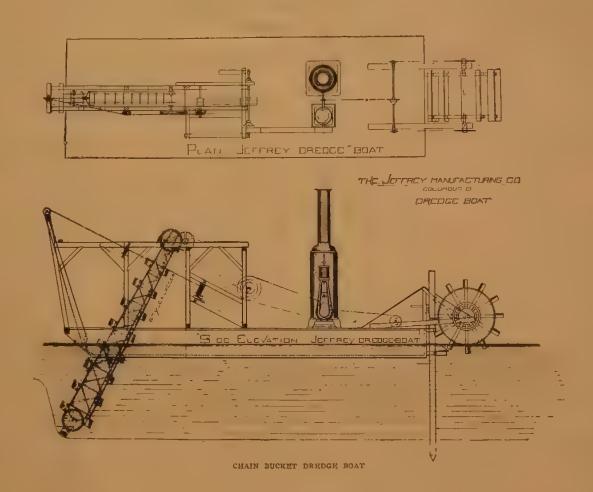
The Jeffrey Manufacturing Company's long experience in the manufacture of chains, buckets and appliances makes it possible for them to furnish chains, dredging machinery and appliances as few other manufacturers can. Its special chains for this class of work have been used for more than ten years, and can thus be purchased without any experi-

ing and lowering, to suit the different depths of the water, also for drawing it out of the way when its services are not required. The way when its services are not required. The buckets for the heavier outfit are arranged with truck wheels at each end, the latter traveling on a suitable track forming a part of the ladder frame. This makes an admirable support for both the loaded and empty buckets and reduces the friction, wear, as well as the power consumed, to a minimum.

The lighter style of elevator is intended for light service, and consists of a wooden ladder, with suitable rods and braces for carrying the chain attached firmly to the buckets by means of steel plate attachments, both the loaded and return chains being supported on idler

boiler, but any other power can be used such as electricity, gas, oil, also horse power, if no other is available. Each boat is usually equipped with a chain drive to the stern wheel, which is by far the simplest and cheapest that could be provided for this wheel, which is by lar the simplest and cheap-est that could be provided for this purpose. Inquiries from interested parties are solicited and will receive prompt attention. Address the Jeffrey Manufacturing Company, at Col-umbus, Ohio, or at any of its branches.

Dr. Nelson of Milford, Utah, placed an order with The Colorado Iron Works Co.; for a Ten-stamp gold amalgamating mill, to be erected at that place. The power for this



ment. In the illustration herewith, the type of boat or scow is of ordinary construction, while the engine and general arrangement is such as to make it possible to propel the boat as well as to operate the dredging machinery from the same engine. Briefly described:

The equipment ready for work consists of

an elevator, engine and stern wheel drive with the driving connections for transmitting the power, There are two styles of elevators principally used for dredging purposes. The heavier outfit consisting of a heavy iron ladder frame, with two strands of Jeffrey roller chain and special buckets at intervals of 3 or 4 feet. The elevator is usually equipped with a steam hoisting arrangement for elevators. with a steam hoisting arrangement for elevat-

sprocket wheels. This makes a very simple and economical construction, especially adapted to light work and smaller capacities. Occasionally the buckets are provided with teeth, to assist in digging. In all cases the Jeffrey roller chain used for the reason that it has been demonstrated, after many years of service, to be the best all around chain for this work.

The Jeffrey Manufacturing Company is prepared to build parts for dredges, such as chains, buckets, ladder frames, etc., to suit special conditions and the views of the purchaser, to be operated either by hand or steam power. The power for the operation of this praching was all consists of an engine and machinery usually consists of an engine and

plant will be sufficient to run Twenty stamps. The Colorado Iron Works Company, are western agents for the Eric City Iron Works engines and boilers, and will furnish the engine and boiler of their make, for this

Messrs. Chas E. Billen & Co., Engineers, purchasing and forwarding Agents of Chicago, Ill., have just issued their first catalogue of Machinery and Supplies for Mines and Mills. This catalogue is the only one of its kind of the catalogue.

we have ever received and contains a fund of information not obtainable from any other source. If you wish a treat send for Chas E. Billin & Co. catalogue Vol. 1, No. 1.

# Miscellaneous Mining News.

### ALASKA.

A dispatch from Nanaimo stated that the steamer Noyo arrived there from Skaguay. She had twenty-five disgusted passengers aboard, tired of the country after their first experience. The treasure on board was \$10,000. One of the passengers said that 200 men could do all the work offered at Skaguay and that there were at least 500 men there who had nothing to do but drink and gamble.

Among the parties that have recently gone to Copper river is one of thirty-five persons from Stamford, Conn. They sailed from Seattle recently on a schooler they had chartered, taking with them a steam snow-sled.

### CALIFORNIA.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY.

The Raudsburg-Santa Fe Reduction Co. has began active operations in the erection of their plant. Forty men were put to work Feb. 15th grading for the railroad from the main line of the Santa Fe Railroad to the mill. They are also breaking ground for the foundation of the mill.

### COLORADO.

Cripple Creek.

A shipment of 52 tons was recorded from the Raven company last week. The returns are not yet in.

Lessees on the Mollie Kathlene sent out a 10-ton shipment last week that assays from five to six ounces.

Clements & Frank are shipping about 30 tons of two ounce ore from their lease on the Six Points on Bull Hill.

About 150 tons of smelting ore left the Anchoria Leland properties last week. The grade is remaining about the same.

The Elkton company sent out fourteen cars of ore last week. Three of the cars contained second and eleven cars third-grade ore.

Shipments from the Work company's workings amounted to 53 tons net last week. It had an average value of \$26 70 per ton. Several other shipments are out but none are reported from lessees.—Mining Investor.

### Idaho Springs.

The new plant of machinery has been completely installed, the levels have been cleaned out and the shaft is now timbered on the Crockett mine. A contract is being let this week for the sinking of the shaft below the adit level and three shifts must do this work. At the place of sinking a big body of ore was encountered in the adit, and, although it was stoped but 25 feet above the adit and underhand stoped for 20 feet more, it produced in a few months about \$75,000 worth of high-grade mineral. The air at that time was bad, and, after getting out all of the mineral possible, the parties in charge would not put up money to sink a shaft, a dividend having been declared for all of the surplus and leaving no working capital. After laying idle for a number of years, some Chicago business men con-cluded to take a flyer, and they sunk a shaft from the surface to connect with the adit, a distance of about 170 feet. The indications were so good that they put in a plant of machinery and are now ready to get in under the ore body, it having pitched down and away from the mouth of the adit, which was driven

for 700 feet. The shaft will be sunk for 300 feet below the adit, and opportunity will be given for drifting in the ore clute, which seemed to show an increase in the width of the adit as it went down. The manager has had \$30,000 placed to his credit for preliminary work.

### IDAHO.

John Coudron and J. B. Black have sold their group of claims, formerly known as the Trump Group, to John M. Davis of Mercur. The claims are on the Hailey gold belt, eight miles from the town of that name in Blain county.

The Graysons of San Francisco, now have a clear right to the Gold Hill property in Boise county, the Coughanours having lost the suit brought to quiet title.

At the Iowa mine, near Quartzburg, in Boise county, owned by D. Coughanour, a good streak of free milling gold ore is reported. The 14-foot ledge is low grade, but a streak about one foot wide, recently uncovered is very rich.

The western extension of the Gold Hill is said to be showing up well. It is worked by Mr. Church, of Colorado, who bought it not long since for \$18,000.

### MICHIGAN.

A Coldwater, Branch county, company is being organized, with a capital of \$100,000, to manufacture Portland cement. L. W. Hoch, ex-postmaster at Adrian, and Leigh Hunt of that city, are interested. The company recently purchased ninety acres of low land near Coldwater.

It is stated that a general advance in wages is likely to follow the advance recently made by the Metropolitan Land & Iron company. There is no union among the miners of the Gogebic range, but conferences have taken place between some managers and delegations of miners.

The 80 acres of limestone land, formerly owned by Mr. J. McKinnie, lying 1½ miles west of Trenton, Wayne county, will now be actively worked by Mr. J. B. Ford, who became its purchaser. The necessary machinery is being conveyed to the ground and the product will be utilized at Mr. Ford's soda-ash plants, at Wyandotte. Messrs. Church & Company also contemplate doing their own quarrying, and are now looking over 65 acres of land 2 miles below Trenton, now owned by Joseph Anderson.

## MINNESOTA.

A large portion of the men at work strippling the Aetna Mining Company's property have been discharged, and little will be done till spring. The late John R. Thomas, president of the Thomas and Aetna Iron Companies, was at the head of this concern.

It is announced that The Sellers Mining company will reopen its mine at Hibbing and operate it extensively.

The Consolidated Mines company is trying to get more men and recently advertised for 100 at points 300 miles from the mines. It pays \$1.65 per day and contract men average \$2.

Some officials of the Minnesota Iron company have been making an examination of the Sauntry property. It is one of the greatest deposits of ore of various grades on the Mesabi.

## MISSOURI.

On the McConey land Albert Frye is drifting at 70 ft. on a 12-foot face of lead and zinc ores in open ground with only enough water to wash the ore. Last week he made his first turn in of 10 tons of zinc and 10,250 lbs. of lead ore.

Chappel Mining Company is drifting at 65 ft. on a good face of zinc ore and will make a good output of ore this week. They are also sinking a second shaft and getting good signs of ore in open ground.

On the Empire Company's land Hennessy & Co. have four lots and are putting up a large steam concentrating plant that will handle over 125 tons of ore every 10 hours, and will be finished in 10 days. They have over 350 tons crushed ore on top. They will hoist dirt from two shafts and are drifting at 140 ft. on a 40 ft. face of disseminated zinc ore in shooting ground.

The Kindergarten, Horseshoe and Blue Hen mines were sold last week for a good figure, the amount not stated, but it is a good property. The Kindergarten produced 20 tons of top-grade zinc ore last week.

### MONTANA.

Allen, Kent and others have taken a bond for one year on the Wise Mike claim, in the Sunflower district, and will begin work at once. There is, it is said, no payment down, and the bond is in the sum of \$25,000.

All the mining districts tributary to Clancy are being worked, several mines in each district producing ore, some of which will run well in gold. The Warm Springs district, particularly the middle fork of that large field, is showing up remarkably well just now in every mine being operated.

Jos. Garneau's last shipment from the Golden Gate, near Clancy, was sent to the Colorado smelter for treatment. There was about 23 tons in the shipment and it netted about \$600. The cost of smelting was about \$7 50 per ton, an improvement over that of the East Helena concern of about \$4 per ton. Mr. Garneau has struck a new prospect near the Golden Gate which promises well on the surface.—Western Mining World.

# NEW MEXICO.

Output of Hillsboro gold mines for the week ending Thursday, Feb. 17th, 1898, as reported for *The Advocate*:

	Tona
Wicks	. 30
Entities	4%
Richmond	45
Happy Jack	. 5
Snake Group	100
Opportunity	25
<b>发展是我的股东的</b>	5
Prosper	5
Eighty five	5
Rex (silver-lead)	5
Total	2.143

Total output since Jan. 1, 1898.- 1430.

### OREGON.

The owners of the Steam Beer mine at Leland, Josephine county, were incorporated last week. The incorporators are Rutgers Van Brunt, Walter E. Smith and R. G. Smith.

The first shipment of machinery for the Powell Creek Mining Company arrived last week at Grant's Pass, Josephine county, from San Francisco. It consisted of a good supply of pipe of varying sizes.

A rich strike was made last week on Missouri Flat, Josephine county, by those energetic miners, Davidson Bros. and G. W. Bailey. According to current reports, a good ledge of rich quartz has been discovered which is producing \$20 a day.

Last week a telegraphic dispatch from Cottage Grove, Lane county, announced that a very rich strike had been made in the Bohemia mining district. A ledge ten feet wide has been found, the ore in part going \$30,000 to the ton, and the remainder \$500 to the ton.

An important mining deal, involving the property of A. H. Carson and David Lindsey, on Oscar creek, near Grant's Prss, is pending. Portland parties have taken a bond on all the Carson property, and three-quarters of a mile of the property of Mr. Lindsey, lying on each side of the creek. This does not include all of Mr. Lindsey's property, but so much of it as the parties deemed necessary to fill out the property desired. Mr. Carson himself worked up the deal. The money is to be paid over by the 4th of March. There is no richer creek anywhere than Oscar creek. Oregon Mining Journal.

## SOUTH DAKOTA.

Golden Slipper is said to be a very rich property. A 200-foot shaft has been completed on the property. Regular shipments of ore are being made.

A vein has been struck in the Two Strike mine which assays very well. The mine is easily worked and will soon be more thoroughly worked by a larger force of men.

The formation on the Blue Lead property, near Sheridan, is copper. Prospecting has been going on for some time with diamond drills. At 200 feet a vein of copper has been struck assaying 15 per cent. copper.

The Omega mine is the most promising in the Pactola district. It is well developed and a low grade of free milling ore is being worked to a profit. It is owned by eastern capitalists.

## UTAH.

An up-raise is now being made at the Valeo Mine, at Park City, to connect the tunnel with the incline on the ledge from above. This work has been progressing for some time and a few short weeks will see it completed. This will supply the mine with good air, and give the management an opportunity to prospect the vein to a good depth. The work is being done according to a survey made several weeks since. Little or nothing can be learned from the officers of the company regarding this work, but the fact that it is being done will be good news to the stockholders, as when connections are once made, it will not take long to determine the extent

of the ore bodies, at least to a depth of 500 feet; and it will also more than likely prove the true course and dip of the vein—something that becomes of more vital importance to the owners of the property every day. The uneasiness that now exists among shareholders will, by this new move, soon be expelled. There has nothing happened at the property to cause any one at all interested to feel at all discouraged, other than the failure of the lower tunnel to encounter the ledge, but many conditions might have been responsible for this disappointment. The Valeo we hope will come out all right.—Record.

#### De La Mar Mine.

No large steel construction undertaking, at a distant point, was ever advanced to completion more rapidly than the huge mill and shaft house structure which covers the slope of Golden Gate Hill at this writing. All the material and machinery are shipped. However, surface operations—i. e., ore treatment, probably, will not begin till the middle of the month, though Manager Cohen hopes to be handling 300 or 400 tons per diem by that time. The marvels of this ground seem to be endless. Only the other day, a body of hard, solid, almost flint-like lime rock was broken into, from one of the deep workings, which returned \$18 to \$70 gold per ton. It fails to show a color by panning and in every way is unique.

Main operations through many months have been through a winze from 900-feet level in the Bullion Beck mine, the deepest point of main shaft—to a depth of 1260 feet from surface, entailing additional expense in the handling of ore. At a late meeting of directors, it was decided to sink main shaft to a total depth of 1,500 feet, and work on this improvement has commenced. At two or three points in the lower workings some large bodies of ore have recently been cut. The mill has not yet resumed work on the second grades, and it is probable that before resumption an amalgamating adjunct will be installed.

### WASHINGTON.

A rich strike has been reported at the Little Gem mine, three miles east of Rockcut and one mile from the Little Giant in Pierre's Lake district, of the north half of the Colville Indian reservation. This portion of the reservation was thrown open to mineral settlements in 1896, and in the last few months a considerable number of claims have been developed. The vein encountered at the bottom of the 90-foot shaft of the Little Gem, 10 inches in width, assays very high in free gold. The Federal Mining Company of Spokane is the owner.

The Redlands Daily Record has the following to say regarding a smelter at Los Angeles: "The need of a smelter becomes more apparent daily. The character and quantity of ore found in this and adjoining counties is such that miners are compelled to ship to San Francisco or stop work altogether. There are thousands of tons of ore on dumps ready for shipment, but will not bear the excessive rates of treight. Nothing would revive the mining industry of Southern California more than a plant of this character within easy reach of all mines."

We heartily endorse the Record's expressions.

# FOREIGN MINING NEWS

### LOWER CALIFORNIA.

The Triunto Silver Mines,

Samuel R. Rhodes of Hermosillo, in the latter part of August, obtained an "option" on the tailings of the Progreso Mining Co's mill at Triunfo, Lower California. This property is little known, although the mill has been running since 1869 and the dumps contain over 400,000 tons of tailing. The oldest dump contains several thousand tons of 25 ounce silver tailings, the result of an attempt at amalgamating base ores. Since then these silver ores, carrying from forty to eighty ounces of silver per ton have been leached and the tailings assay \$2.50 gold and 10 ounces silver per ton, associated with arsenic, antimony and zinc. There are five silver mines connected with the mill by railway—the, pay roll numbering fifteen hundred employees. Although Mr. Rhodes' option was good only till December 31st, 1897, he has succeeded in forming a company in Washington, D. C., and in beginning the erection of a plant. After careful tests it was found that at least \$5.00 per ton can be recovered at a maximum cost of \$2.25, on American money basis. The cost of reduction has been decreased by the Ladd-Chittenden Leaching trough, and by a combination of the hypo and cyanide processes.—Lower Californian.

#### MEXICO.

### The Mineral Wealth of Chihuahua.

The estimated mineral wealth of the State of Chihuahua is said by Messrs. Enrique C. Creel, manager of the Miner's Bank, and Frederico Ducloz, manager of the Mexican Ore Co., in the city of Chihuahua to be as follows:

Santa Eulalia	\$1,600,000
Parral	1,350,000
Cusihuiriachie	. 700,000
Batopilas	700,000
Barranca del Cobre	100,000
Urique	100,000
Corralitas	500,000
Cuasapares y Palmarejo	800,000
Morelos	50,000
Guadalupe y Calvo	150,000
Ocampo	400,000
Pinos Altos	350,000
Concheno	350,000
Yoquivo	50,000
Urachie	100,000
Magistral y Terrazas	300,000
Sabinal	300,000
Murillo	150,000
Descubridora	300,000
	40

Total \$8,150,000
This is divided as follows:
Silver \$1,650,000
Gold 1,500,000
Lead 650,000
Copper 350,000

Total \$8,150,000

Gold was first discovered in Colorado in 1858, and since then the State has produced \$530,000,000 in gold and silver. Out of 56 counties of the State 26 are gold producers.

# GENERAL NEWS.

#### THE PATIO PROCESS.

HISTORY OF THE PATIO PROCESS.

The Patio process for reducing ore was invented or discovered by Bartholeme Medina, a native of the town of Pachuca, in Mexico, in 1557. It is still practiced and used extensively in that country and South America in all its primitive simplicity, and when we take into consideration the very cheap labor, the almost total absence of fuel and the great scarcity of water in many of the mining districts, we can well see why it has not been superseded by other methods.

Medina himself was no chemist, but the modifications made later on by scientific men have shown the process to be one of the greatest importance, and that the accidental invention of this process has proven a great source of profit to the Republic of Mexico there can be no room for doubt. These modifications introduced upon the Medina method were, not only in a mechanical but also in a chemical way, part of the process. The use of the pure chloride of sodium would never probably have been adopted had not the scientists suggested it, as in early Patio days a combination of sulphate of copper with water was considered indispensable for the reduction of many ores.

The oldest system of grinding ores for the Patio process is the one that is now still in use n many places in Mexico, Peru and Chili. The ore is first brought to the hacienda and crushed by a primitive, ill-constructed Chilian Mill, this being made entirely of wood or stone and being propelled by mules or horses. The great defect experienced with these has been that the cylinders revolving upon the bed plate wear out quickly, necessitating many stoppages, and therefore causing an additional expense in the grinding of the ore. The first improvement introduced was the use of cast iron tires on the outside of the stone wheels, the tires being fastened to the wheels by wooden wedges; this system has been in use until late years, when improvements have been made in the manufacture of steel tires, and rings of this kind have been experimented upon in the haciendas of Pachuca and Guanajuato. These tires are of a very homogeneous metal and wear very equally. They last from four to ten times as long as cast iron rings.

Next it was found that the bottoms of the Chilian Mills did not wear as long as the revolving wheels, and first cast iron and then forged steel plates were put in to protect the foundation stones. Later on, the whole of these mills were made in iron, and these are the mills that are now in use in the largest haciendas.

### THE PATIO PROCESS.

The ore on being taken from the mine is given to sorters or pepenadors-men, women and children, all working-who break the ore into small pieces and with great skill select what experience teaches them is rich enough for smelting, throwing aside the waste or what is supposed to be too poor for treatment; the remainder is the second class ore, which is to be crushed and pulverized by the Arrastra or Chilian Mill, with a view to its future treatment by amalgamation by the Patio pro-

The ore is first crushed by a primitive stamp mill, which is run by mule-power. As a rule, the stamps are made of wood and shod

with iron, and will weigh from one hundred pounds to two hundred pounds each, and in most cases have flat stones for mortars. This reduces the ore to a fineness of wheat, or, in some cases, the size of corn, depending upon the character of the ore. The pulp is then taken from the mill and placed in the Arrastra or Chilian Mill, where it is ground into a perfect slime or mud. Of these two methods the more popular is

#### THE ARRASTRA.

The Arrastra is commonly worked by mules, which turn a vertical shaft, from which one, two or four cross-bars or arms project far enough beyond the circle of the mill to hook on one or two animals, as may be desired. Some small Arrastras will have only one animal, while the larger ones will have as many as six.

The construction of this crushing mill is very simple. An upright spindle is provided with a gudgeon on each end and notches or openings made at the proper distances for inserting the driving arms. Two posts are then set firmly in the ground directly opposite each other and in a line with the center of the mill. These posts are far enough from the outside of the circle of the mill to allow the animals attached to the sweep or arm to pass between. From the top of these posts a cross-beam is placed, in the center of which is an aperture to receive one end of the upright spindle, the lower end of which fits into the center stone. The sweeps are then fixed into the upright

The amount of ore crushed by this old-time process will be end largely upon the size of the Arrastra, the number of mules used, the condition and character of the ore; as a general proposition, from 300 pounds in a onehorse mill to 1,300 pounds in a four-horse

and the Arrastra is ready to receive the crush-

mill.

ing stones or drags.

Often instead of crushing in the Arrasta the ore is crushed in the Chilian Mill—the choice of these methods depending to a certain extent on the nature of the ore and on the permissible first cost of ihe plant, the first cost being greater in the case of

### THE CHILIAN MILL.

The original Chilian Mill was built in the same manner as the Arrastra, with the same circle of stones and heavy stone pavement inside, but in place of the stone drags a large stone wheel was fitted on the sweep, and as the animal moved the wheel revolved, crushing the ore much more rapidly than the Arrastra. These Chilian Mills are more costly than the Arrastras, but they have recently been greatly improved, and are coming more largely into use. After the ore is properly crushed we reach the stage of

#### THE PATIO.

The pulverized pulp when taken from the Chilian Mill or Arrastras, is in the shape of a thin, slimy mud, and is placed in vats or open spaces on the ground where a large part of the water is evaporated by the heat of the sun and it is then ready for the Patio.

The Patio or Amalgamating Floor is a large open space with a slight incline to allow the water to run off. In this open space is a number of circular spaces, from twenty to forty feet in diameter, surrounded with frames of wood or low walls of stone. (Sometimes

tises our issue of December 1st, 1897, which gives one form o Arrastra, and all are similar with the exception that nearly all Arrastras in Mexico are run by mules and have driving arms to attach the mules to.

the openings or walks between the Patios are paved with small stone.)

To these spaces the pulp or "lama" is removed and a certain charge deposited. This is called a torta, and may weigh fifty, or as much as one hundred tons, and will form a layer of soft mud from six inches to one foot thick. This is allowed to dry in the sun until the operator is satisfied as to its condition. A small percentage of salt is then added, according to the character of the ore under treatment, and the mules or animals are then driven over it, treading the pulp and mixing it thoroughly. It is then allowed to rest for a day, sometimes several days, when magistral and mercury are added. Magistral is prepared by mixing roasted copper pyrites, iron pyrites and a small quantity of salt. The amount of mercury and other chemicals used in a torta or charge is fixed by the value and character of the ore under treatment. time in which a torta may be worked off will vary from fifteen to forty-five days, according to the season of the year, as much depends on the natural heat of the sun.

When the tests of assays show the operator that the torta is in a proper condition and amalgamation has taken place, the treading by animals ceases and the torta is finished.

The next operation is to wash the whole mass and separate the amalgam. This is done in several simple ways and a very high percentage is saved.

#### Up-To-Date !

Mine Owners, Mill Owners and Smelter men, who are about constructing flumes for conveying water, will do well to examine the Asphalt Flume Lining made by the Ready Rock Asphalt Roofing Co. of Los Angeles, Cal. It is attracting attention from the largeest wide-awake concerns in the country. The Roofing made by this company has attained a world-wide renown, and it is safe to say the flume lining made by them will find a ready market.

# PERSONAL NEWS ITEMS

MR. EDMUND JUESSEN, manager of the Idaho Company's mining properties at Elk City, Idaho, is at present in Chicago, at the instance of a Chicago company who are desirous of having Mr. Juessen examine mining properties in Colorado.

Anyone knowing the present address of John Har-RINGTON, formerly of the Esmeralda mine, at Sierra Mojada, State of Coahuila, Mexico, would confer a favor by sending the same to Wm. Gwynn, Durango, Durango, Mexico, Apartado 47.

J. W. PARK of Twenty-nine Palms called on the editor of the JOURNAL last week, having just come in from the desert country.

W. H. HARDINGE has just arrived in Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Hardinge is an experienced mining expert and is endeavoring to find a suitable piece of proper-ty for some Colorado capitalists.

DR. A. R. RHBA of Daggett, San Bernardino Co., was a caller at the Journal office the other day and afforded us a very pleasant afternoon.

Col., H. L. Pickett of Salt Lake City, Utah, spent a few days in Los Angeles last week, during which time he made the Journal a very pleasant call.

JAMES D. ROBERTSON, Mining Engineer and Metallurgist with the Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Co. of Argentine, Kas., has just made a visit to Los Angeles, Cal.

THEODORE F. VAN WAGKNEN the well known Hydraulic Mining Engineer of Colorado has accepted a position as manager of a large placer mining concern of Placerville, Boise county, Idaho. This company is going into the business on a large scale, operating dredges by electricity, etc.

O. S. BUCKBER, Superintendent Confidence mine. Confidence, Cal., has returned to the mine from San

# THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26th, 1898 The following are the Silver, Copper and Lead quotations for the last two

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There is not much business reported in the silver market and prices are barely steady at current rates. Mexico has created a demand for several hundred thousand ounces from the United States for coinage into Mexican dollars.

#### COPPER

The market opened dull and business slack until the close of last week, when both home consumers and export has advanced. Lake Copper is quoted at 11 c. although at first quoted at 11 c. and only a hunted quantity now is obtain chie. For Electrolytic 10%. In Casting copper it was dull going at 10%c.

#### LBAD

A much better feeling seems to prevail.
This is on account of producers slowing down on high prices. We quote it at \$3.70.

#### SPELTER

Consumptive demand is much better although prices have hardened somewhat. We quote for St. Louis \$3-75 and for New York \$4.00.

### ANTIMONY.

No change of any note has occurred, Quotations for Cookson's 8c.; Hallett's 7½c; Japanese 7½c. and U. S. Star 7½c.

Business still continues on unchanged lines and no alteration in prices can be reported. We quote for New York ton lots 33½c, and 36c per lb and for smaller orders 35½c, and 38c.

Prices have advanced slightly and hold good. Quotations for spot and Febru ary are \$14.00 @ \$14.05 and for futures 5 points higher.

#### PLATINUM.

PLATINUM.

Prices are now quoted at \$15 and \$16 per oz., New York. The London quotations are 58 & 60 a per oz. Supplies are not large and prices are firm. For chemical ware, best hammered metal, Messes lamer & Amend of New York turnish the following quotations, the prices given below being respectively for orders of over 250 grams; for orders of over 250 grams and for orders of less than 250 grams and for orders of less than 100 grams. Crucibles and dishes, 57c., 58c, and 59c, per gram. Wire and foil are 56c., 56c, and 57c, per gram.

CAUSTIC SODA.

Quotations for Caustic soda domestic ligh test are \$1.60 & 1.70 per hundred ligh test are \$1.60 e 1.70 per hundred ligh test are \$1.60 e 1.70 per hundred ligh test

#### QUICKSH.YRR.

The New York quotation areat \$39.00

per flask. San Francisco quotations are \$39 for domestic consumption.

The market at San Francisco is fine with the current quotations.
The quotations are as follows:
For Hercules No. 1, from 11%c. to
17%c., according to strength and quantity. No. 2, from 9c. to 11c., according to strength and quantity.

The market at San Francisco, quoted as follows:	Cal., is
English, spot, in bulk	.\$11.00
Cumberland	

The San Francisco market in Borax is firm with a good demand The market is quoted as follows

Refined, in carload lots, in barrels....... Refined, in carload lots in sacks............ Powdered, in car lots. Concentrated, in car lots

### THE MINOR METALS.

Quotations are given below for New York delivery

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, Tungsten, per lb	
Tungstic acki	450
Ferro-tungsten, 60 per cent	

Variations in price depend chiefly on the size of the order.

#### CHEMICALS.

There is absolutely nothing new to report, but it is expected that before the current month goes by there will be higher prices and a more active demand from buyers.

Quotations generally are as follows:

#### CAUSTIC SODA.

English, \$2.12½ and \$2.25 per 100 lb. American, bulk \$1 50 and \$2.20 per 100 lbs. according to brand.

#### BAL-SODA.

For domestic, 55c. per 100 lb., less usual discounts; English, 60c, for spot and 65c, to arrive. Concentrated sal soda, \$1.40 and \$1.60 per 100 lbs.

### CHLORATE OF POTASH.

Chlorate of potash is quotated at \$8.75 and \$9.00 per 100 lbs.

The Market has opened with an im-provement as compared with last year and taken as a whole, the trade looks

promising.

Prices are per 100 lbs. in New York and vicinity in lots of 50 carboys or over. Quotations are as follows: Acetic acid, commercial No. 8 \$1.40 @ \$1.55;

acid, commercial No. 8 \$1.40 @ \$1.55; redistilled, 28 per cent., \$2.00 @ \$2.15; Muriatic acid, 18 per cent., \$1.00@\$1.50, 20^\$1/40 \* \$2 according to make and quantity. Nitre acid, 36 \$1 \(\frac{1}{2}\)\ \$2 \(\frac{1}{2}\)\ \$3 \(\frac{1}{2}\)\ \$1 \(\frac{1}{2}\)\ \$2 \(\frac{1}{2}\)\ \$3 \(\frac{1}{2}\)\ \$3 \(\frac{1}{2}\)\ \$2 \(\frac{1}{2}\)\ \$3 \(\frac{1}{2}\)\ \$3

#### BRIMSTONE.

Quotations at present are \$20.75 @ \$21.90 per ton for best unmixed seconds, and \$20@20.50 for thirds.

# MURIATE OF POTASH.

We quote New York and Boston, 1.75@\$1.78c. Philadelphia and Norfolk, 1.76@1.791%c.; Charleston, Savannah, Wilmington and New Orleans, for 80@ 85 per cent. basis of 80 per cent., \$1.781% (\$1.81c in lots of 50 tons and upward.

Business on spot has been good and the market appears to be rising; uvalues. At one time this week \$1.86\%\frac{1}{2}\)1.00 per 100 lbs. was asked for spot nitrate, but but sides were made at \$1.75\%\frac{1}{2}\)1.85. To day \$1.85 is mentioned for spot \$1.70\%\frac{1}{2}\)1.75 for near arrivals and \$1.75 for for the contract shamments. for future shipments

#### FINANCIAL NOTES.

The statement of the United States Treasury, on Thursday, February 9th, shows balances in excess of outstanding certificates as below, comparision being made with the statement for the corres-ponding date last week:

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Treasury deposits with national banks amounted to \$37,796,117, a derease of \$51,744 during the week.

#### Gold and Silver Exports and Imports.

At all United States ports, December, 1897, and years from January 1st, 1897

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This statement includes the exports and imports at all United States ports, the figures being furnished by the Burcau of Statistics of the Treasury Department.

# Gold and Silver Exports and Imports, New York.

For the week ending February 11, 1898, and for years from January 1st, 1898, 1897, 1896, 1895:

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\*\*So per cent. basis of 80 per cent., \$1.78½

(#\$1.81c in lots of 50 tons and upward.

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Invoice weights as taken at port of shipment per ton of 2,240 lbs. testing \$58,398 from London, and the balance, 12.1 per cent. actual potash, equivalent to 23 per cent. sulphate of potash, \$8.80

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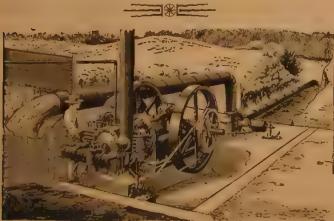
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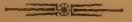
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#### Average Monthly Prices of Silver.

in New York per ounce Troy, from January 181,

Month	1498	1897	1806
	Cents.	Cents.	Cents
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Year		20.70	67.70

### MINING STOCK MARKETS.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 28, '98. The market is dull, but prices holding well. News continues good regarding all the active stocks, and the favorites

are well handled

Wedge is still the feature, 21,000 shares changing hands in one day's call, the price shows a slight decline, but still looks like a good buy at anything below

The balance of the list is strong but dull. Reports from all the properties for the month of February are now in the secretary's hands, and can be seen at his

omee.
Wedge is selling at about \$4.00 per
share and holds the best at present.
Pacific Consolidated selling and active.
3,000 shares sold at \$2.25 one day last

weck.
Rand Mountain has been selling at \$1
to \$1.25 per thousand. About 25,000
shares changed hands.
Old Dominion has been going at 3c.,
and seemed to stay at about that.
Sun Dance is being offered at 25c., but
sells at about 20 to 24 cents.

#### San Francisco, Feb. 27, 1898.

In the Union, nothing of an important at Trail.

onture has been done. Work in the Ophir is to the west on the central tunnel level and also 1000-foot level.

Dead work on the Riley in the Sierra is all that is being done. We have no word that they have started the new cross drift on the 1650-foot level on the Consolidated Virginia. All work in this mine is nearly all done on the 1550-foot, 1650-foot and 1750-foot levels. In the Best & Beleber and Gould & Curry, work is being done jointly on the 800-foot Bonner shaft.

No work is being done on the Hall &

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Ore of fair grade, averaging about \$20 per ton, has been found in the Occidental, 200 feet south from where the best showing was on the 650-foot level,

The south drift in Potosi 600-foot level is in good formation. Take it altogether, the market is much better than for some

#### ROSSLAND, Feb. 26, '98.

Rossland, Feb. 26, '98.

It is satisfactory to learn that Mr. D.
J. Macdonald, Provincial Inspector of
Metalliferous Mines, reports that as a
recent official visit to Rossland, all that
he asked in the interests of the protection of mine workers in connection with
the appliances of the local mines, was
conceded readily and willingly.

The Le Roi owners have used their
monthly dividend money for improving
their smelter at Northport. The British
American Corporation has bought for
\$285,000 another important Rossland
mine, the Columbia and Kootenay. Le
Roi shares are now \$8.50. War Eagle
stock has risen to \$1.06
In the Ainsworth, Nelson & Slocan

stock has risen to \$1.06

In the Ainsworth, Nelson & Slocan districts, some of the mines are getting along well. Reco is selling at \$1.70 and Slocan Star at \$2.30.

The Rambler-Cariboo mine has been shipping two carloads of ore regularly each week. This is a good showing, but on the other hand, Ruby Silver and Lucky

The market has been more active the latter part of this month. More improvement has been noted in both the Challenge and Caledonia mines. It is thought that an important strike will take place on the Brunswick.

News from the Comstock mines is of a more interesting character than for over a year. The dead work in several is completed, and in the others is almost.

In the Union, nothing of an important at Trail.

NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 24, '98.

Ngw York Citry, Feb. 24, '98.

It is a little better in the local mining stock market. The Colorado group is showing up well.

There was a drop in the Isabella, Golden Fleece changed hands at 50%,@.53%, c. and Small Hopes for which there is some demand went at 85c. an advance of 10c. Union, which reports a net profit of \$3,974 for December is selling at 13c.

Brunswick Consolidated of the California stocks is selling at a demand at 19c.

The Comstocks with the exception of the Sierra Nevada are depressed. The Homestakeof South Dakota remains firm at \$44. Deadwood Terra is still pressed for sale

Mining Company of South America have just declared a dividend of 10c. per share amounting to about 15,000 dollars pay-able March 5th, which makes about \$30,000 declared so far this year.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 25, 1898

The mining share market this week was somewhat irregular and with gains in most stocks. The heavy payments of dividends and continued favorable reports from the properties produced a healthier tone for the market that presages a broadening effect on this class of investments. The enormous accumulation of money mustin time exert a powerful influence and create new avenues for

tion of money mustin time exert a powerful influence and create new avenues for the employment of capital. It is looked for much benefit to be given to the mining interests by it the coming year.

On light business, Ajax held strong at last week's figures. Offerings are not heavy and the indications for better figures seem good. Alice was in good demand, and on no business fixed much higher prices. In the Bullion-Beck mines the demand was quite good, however, the stock just about held last week's prices. Little was done in Buckeye, and no change occurred in quotations.

Centennial-Eureka has held its annual meeting last week. Offerings of the stock were light, indeed. Chloride Point was held quite firmly near last week's figures. A dividend has been promised for this

A dividend has been promised for this month, although not yet declared. Dal-ton was active but stationary, while the

Dalys continued low and without feature. The new mill at the Dexter has started and the stock is much stronger. It looks like a purchase for a hold. Eagle was lower, while Four Aces continued active under 4 cents.

The Geyser-Marion mines justified very most being rayes on the stock. Galena

The Geyser-Marion mines justified very much higher prices on the stock. Galena continued strong, but ahout unchanged. A much better feeling prevailed in Grand Central. Horn Silver was inactive, and Homestake remained about stationary.

at 19c.

After Mercurs annual meeting, the stake of South Dakota remains firm at \$44.

Deadwood Terra is still pressed for sale at \$1.00 per share California and Virginia have dropped to 91c.

Sales were made that brought \$1.15 per share for Sierra Nevada.

It is understood by good authority that the New York and Honduras Rosario Mining Company of South America have amounting to ahout the state of the stock developed new sterngth. Mammoth paid its dividend on Wednesday of last week, and notwithstanding the favorable reports made at the annual meeting, sold off heavily. Northern Light fluctuated considerably, closing without much change from last week's figures.

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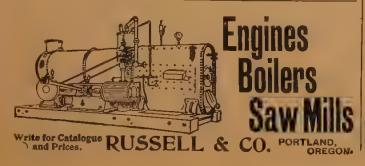
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dams laska, Treadwell	Alaska	200,000	5,000,000	25	851	October, 1897.	8,250,000	(3,
laska, Treadwell	Montana	200,000 400,000	1,000,000	5 25	10 08	Oct., 1897	297,031 1,055,000	(G. S.
naconda	MIORESHE	1,200,000	80,000,000	25	1[25	MBY 1897	8,750,000	C.
nchoria Leland	Colorado	800,000	8,000,000	10	01 02	Oct 1897	84,000 273,000	G. G. S. L
merican Gold	Michigan	40,000	1,000,000	25	1 00	Feb 1897	740,000	C.
tlantic	Montana	250,000 600,000	250,000 600,000	1	08 01	Sept 1897 July 1898	512,500 107,510	G, S, S, L, C,
angkok C-Bell	Colorado	500,000	500,000	1	001/6	April 1897	5,000	0.8
oston & Montana	Montana Utah	150,000 100,000	8,750,000 1,000,000	25 10	8 00 50	Aug 1897 Mar 1897	8,275,000 2,165,000	G, C, B. G, S.
unker Hill and S	Idaho,	800,000	8,000,000	1.0	05	Oct 1897	321 000	8. L.
rriboo	British Col	800,000	800,000 500,000	1	02	May 1897	156,905 25 000	G. G.
alumet & Hecla	Michigan	10,000	2,500,000	25	10 00	Oct. 1897	50,850,000	C.
entennial Eurokaentral Lead	Utah Missouri	30,000 4,000	1,500,000	50 100	1 00	Mar 1997 Oct 1897	2,010,000 16,000	S. L. L.
narleston	South Car	10,000	1,000,000	100	1 00	Feb 1897	150 000	
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opper Queen Consolidated	Arizona	200,000	2,000,000	10	25	June 1895	1,910,000	C.
escent	Utah	24,000 150,000	600,000	25 20	25	July 1897.,	280 000 2,925 000	8, L.
alyeadwood Terra,	Dakota	200,000	8,000,000 5,000,000	25	40	Mar 1897 June 1897.	1,320 000	G.
Lamar	Idabo	400,000	2,000,000	5	25	Jan 1897	2,250,100	8, L.
ella 8	Colorado Missouri	1,000,000 5,000	1,000,000 500,000	100	10 50	Jan 1897 October 1897	60,000	G. L
ilton and Lark	Utah	2,500,000	2,500,000	1	003/6	August 1896	87,500	8, L.
kton Consolidated	Colorado	1,250,000 650,000	1,250,000 650,000	1 1	08	Sept 1897 Aug 1897	361,960 5,393	G, 8.
orence	Montana,.,	500,000	2,500,000	5	Ot	May 1897	132,530	8.
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yser-Marion	Utah,	300,000	1,500,000	1 5	03	Nov 1897	54,000	G.
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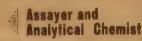
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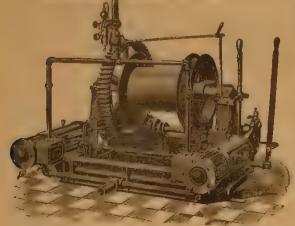
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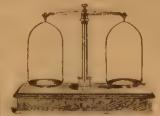
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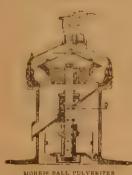
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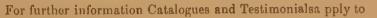
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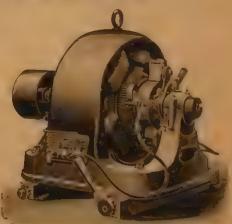
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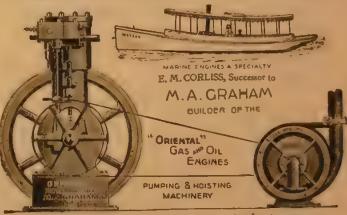
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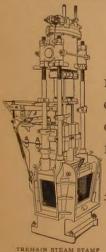


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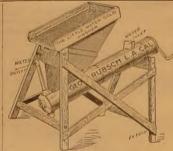
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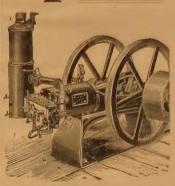
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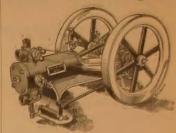
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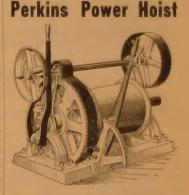
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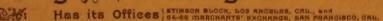
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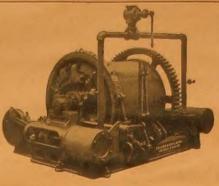
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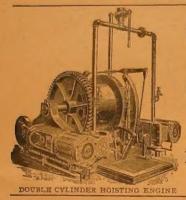
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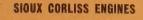
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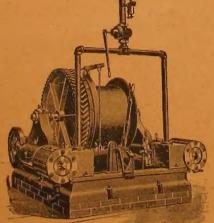
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